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## ST. PAUL COAL MINE STILL DANGEROUS

Explosion Threatens, Caused by Burning Coal and Action of Fire and Water.

## TO BE UNSEALED DURING DAY

Seems to be No Need for Troops Their Appearance Caused No Demenstration From Miners.

therry, Ili., Nov. 17.-The heat in the St. Paul coal mine was found to be too intense today to permit an This means that the entrance. bodies of the 300 men entombed by saturday's disaster, will remain there for at least another 24 hours. Many bodies, it is believed, have been consumed by the flames.

6. W. Traer, a mining inspector, said they were trying to agree on a plan for lowering the cage in the main shaft.

Cherry, Ills., Nov. 17 .- An explosion today threatens the St. Paul coal mine in which 300 victims of last Saturday's disaster are still buried. The burning of the coal is one cause and the action of the fire and water

Should gas form in large quantities and explade, the lives of the men at the top of the shafts would be in danger. In an effort to rid the mine of the gas, the airshaft will be opened today, according to A. R. Newsam, and the big fan started. Upon the success of this action will depend the plans of the men trying to bring the mierfor fire under control and effect as entrance.

Early today the engine pumping water into the hoisting shaft was stor-ped. The water evidently was falling to reach the fiames, since the fire is fiere in the galleries and water descends beyond it to the bottom of the

bottom in quantities sufficient to fill the "sump" or dialinage basin and overflow the large galleries. It is possible that the fire pumps will resume later in the day. The fire is now hotter than it has been at any time. The inquest over the rescuers who prished Saturday was not resumed today. Threats have been made against Resnick, the cager, who is said to have deserted his post the day of, the disafer, and his testimony mass bring upin him violence at the hands of bosenho have held him responsible for the failure to bring at least some of the miners to the surface.

for the failure to bring at 1 of the miners to the surface. NO NEED OF TROOPS.

Capt. Hall, in command of the mili-ta now here, found no evidence of trouble early today.

It can not see any need for troops here he said.

The soldiers were scattered about the mine and their appearance caused to demonstration from the miners.

The temperature in the main shaft. The temperature in the main sense of the mine was taken this morning by George F. Rice, of the United States sological survey. A few feet from the top the thermometer recorded 115 deselogical survey. A few feet from the lop the thermometer recorded 115 degree fabrenheit. This was an indication less favorable than last night when the state authorities determined to open the mine if it possibly could be done with safety.

After making the test President laring, Sheriff Skoglund, State's atty. Ethert and A. R. Newsam went into caference to consider what should be line.

bee. During the taking of the test, pathe-is appeals from the women of Cherry is the shaft to be opened forced the oficials to turn their heads. With selders standing by, one woman rush-ed up on the sand covered top of the shaft and threw herself on the earth, sobbing:

"Open the shaft; open the shaft."
Her cries and hysterical efforts to resist the attempts of the men to take ler away attracted attention all over the mine enclosure.

"Open the heaft."

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Open the shaft; open the shaft," she repeated. "My father was down in a sine a week and he came out alive, and I know my husband and my brother are not dead."

This is typical of the feeling at Cheny today. The authorities, realizing it will do all in their power to open the mine.

buring the night tons of water were based down the burning mine through the holst shaft. Pire Chief Horan and Opt Kenney, with engine 40 and a stad of Chicago fremen, are in clarge of this work.

### RELIEF WORK.

The thoroughness of the persons directing the relief will make physical landsup and suffering improbable if sufficient funds are received. A card index system is employed by S. C. kingsley, superintendent of the United Charities of Chicago and E. P. Bicksell, director of the National Red Cross.

Bishop Michael Dunne of the Roman Cathelic diocese of Peorla; Father Shulk of La Salle and 46 sisters of charity will be among the persons trying to give comfort today.

## WILL UNSEAL MINE.

Chicago, Nov. 17.—Fire Marshal Honas this city, who is at Cherry, tele-bloned his office today as follows:

The mine will be unsealed this bearing. We have been pouring waste but the shaft through a small opening in order to cool the sides sufficiently to show reactions to enter. Smoke is all issuing from the mine, but the fire probably will be extinguished this probably will be extinguished this

popular, will be extinguished this beginning.

He said he would probably return to Chicago, leaving one company of les fighters with an engine at the line.

BELIEF COMMITTEE ORGANIZED.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The American Mashington, Nov. 17.—The American Mashington, Nov. 17.—The American Discount of the Colonian Head of the Colonian Stage of the Mashington of the Colonian Personal Action of the Colonian Colonia Colo

## PAN AMERICAN

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Thanksgiving day when President Taft. Vice President Sherman, the cabinet, members of the diplomatic corps, members of the supreme court of the United States, senators and representatives in Congress and prominent Catholic pretates will attend a pan-American Thanksgiving celebration.

The coremonies will include the celebration of solemn high mass in the presence of Cardinal Gibbons, Mgr. Falconio, the papal delegate, and others

conio, the papal delegate, and others. The diplomatic representatives of the Latin-American countries also will attend the celebration.

### GEN. MANUEL BONILLA FITTING OUT EXPEDITION

New Orleans, Nov. 17.—Gen. Manuel Bonilla, former president of Honduras, who was deposed in 1906, is fitting out an exposition to Nicaragua to assist Gen. Estrada, leader of the revolutionary forces, according to reports in the latin-American colony here

Bonilla, according to his friends, in-tends to assist in the overthrow of Zelaya and if successful, to take charge of a revolution to restore himself to power in Honduras

### NATIONAL MUNICIPAL LEAGUE CONVENTION

Cincinnati, Nov. 17.—The National Municipal league in convention in this city held its annual meeting today and listened to the reading of a number of Miss Grace Abbott of Chicago, direc-

Miss Grace Abbott of Chicago, director of the league for the protection of the immigrant, read a paper on immigration and the municipal problem.

In a paper on municipal contracts, Richard Henry Dana of Cambridge, Mass., advocated the taking of such contracts out of politics.

Other papers were read by Prof.

contracts out of politics.

Other papers were read by Prof. Augustus Raymond Hatton, professor of political science in Western Reserve university, Cleveland, and Arthur H. Woods, who was fourth deputy police commissioner of New York under Gen. Bingham and in charge of the detective bureau.

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of President Bonaparte and all the other officers. The list of vice presidents includes Thomas W. Strong, Portland, Or.; Clinton Rogers Woodruff. Philadelphia, was re-elected secretary

### KILLED BY MULE HIS WIFE LEFT HIM

Pittsburg, Nov. 17.—Mrs. James Ed-monds of Washington county is alleged to have deserted her home recently, taking with her the household effects, five head of cattle, but leaving behind an old mule.

Edmonds preferred charges of deser tion against his wife and larceny against a Pittsburg man. Early today the mule, Edmonds's only possession. kicked him, causing his death.

### REV. JAY D. C. HATHAWAY COMMITS SUICIDE

Maryville, Mo., Nov. 17.—Rev. Jay D. C. Hathaway, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal citurch, committed suicide here last night by hanging. His body was discovered in the cellar of his home this morning. No cause for the

### CHARLES L. WARRINER FAILS TO GET BAIL

Cincinnati, Nov. 17 .- Charles L. War

Cincinnati, Nov. 17.—Charles L. Warriner, deposed treasurer of the Big Four railroad, accused of embezzling \$643,000, continued at Hamilton county jail this morning, efforts to obtain bail for \$20,000 having so far failed.

Mrs. Jeannette Stewart Ford, who was arrested on a charge of having received \$1,000 of the alleged stealings of Warriner, gained her liberty this morning, after having spent the night in a cell in the woman's department of the same jail in which Warriner is held.

Mrs. Stewart Ford's bond was signed early today by a security bonding company and she went at once to her apartments at Thirteenth and Race streets.

That other arrests are in prospect in connection with the Warriner case, is generally believed, but Prosecutor Hunt, who is handling the case, refused to discuss the probabilities along that line.

Warriner, later vesterday entered a

Warriner later yesterday entered a formal plea of not guilty to the two counts of embezzlement and grand lar-ceny in the indictment.

### GOLD FOR SOUTH AMERICA.

New York, Nov. 17.—One million dollars in gold for export to South America was engaged by the New York banks and banking houses today. Of this amount Goldman Sachs & Co., took \$506,000 for Argentina and the National Bank of Commerce, \$250,000 for Argentina and \$250,000 for Brazil.

The total was increased later by the

The total was increased later by the engagement of \$500,000 for Argentina by Kidder Peabody & Co., and \$290,000 for Brazil, by the Bank of New York.

### GRENOBLE SCHOOL PLACED UNDER THE BAN

Paris. Nov. 17.—Advancing another step in their campaign against the public schools, the Catholic clergy today placed under the ban a school at Grenoble where the teacher had disregarded the warning against the use of interdicted textbooks. The Combists advocate retaliation by an official inspection of Catholic textbooks, which they claim teach opposition to the republic and hatred of liberty.

### REVOCATION OF OHIO CHARTER APPROVED

Toronto, Ont. Nov. 17.—The revocation of the charter of the Ohio state federation by the executive council for admitting to its membership seceding locals of the electrical workers was approved today by the American Federation of Labor.

The convention then adopted the report of its committee on laws that the appeal of the Ohio body be dismissed.

The committee on laws reported that the low federation admitted a volation of the federation almitted a volation of the federation law and recommended that upon compliance with the law its charter be restored.

This was ratified.

In the cases of the sentral bedies of Cleycland. Toledo, Davesnorf, Cedar Rapids, Milwaukee and San Francisco, whose charters were revoked as a result of the electrical workers controversy, the committee recommended that both organizations of the federation and "thereby recain neace and unity in their respective cities."

### LIPTON WILL CHALLENGE FOR THE AMERICA'S CUP

Washington, Nov. 17.—St. Patrick's the scene of a notable gathering on

## MAY INVESTIGATE N. Y. CUSTOM HOUSE

Sugar Frauds Probably Will Result in Congress Taking Some Kind of Action.

### MANY INDICTMENTS RUMORED

Long List of "Undestrable" Weighers Made by Deputy Surveyor Parr And Sent to Secy. MacVeagh.

New York, Nov. 17 .- Although no official confirmation could be had today either from customs officials or from U. S. Atty. Wise, the report is persistent that the indictments have been found against a number of government weighers whom Special Atty. Stimson has connected with the weighing frauds perpetrated by the American Sugar Refining company at its Williamsburg docks.

A report from Washington that a list of 22 assistant weighers had been furnished to the United States govern-

ment service commission by the collector at New York of men implicated in the frauds in question was confirmed by Deputy Surveyor Parr.

Mr. Parr admited that a list of "undesirables" had been prepared by him and forwarded to the secretary of the treasury. He intimated, however, this list was much longer than that referred to by the United States civil service to by the United States civil service commission, and that when the final 'shake up' greater number than 22 would b

The belief is becoming general that a congressional investigation of the New York custom house will be ordered Col. Edward S. Fowler, former collector of the port, today declared him-self in favor of such an investigation. Deputy Surveyor Parr modified his earlier declaration that he had dis-covered fraud in the importation of sugar at Philadelphia by saying that possibily the discrepancies could be

possibly the discrepancies could be ascribed to natural causes, such as sirinkage and moisture.

At the headquarters of the American Sugar Refining company, President W. B. Thomas issued a denial of the re-port that he intended to resign

port that he intended to resign.

A report that A. H. Senff has resigned as director was also denied, it being explained that Mr. Senff had merely declined a re-election

MACVEAGH AT WHITE HOUSE. Washington, Nov. 17.—Secy. of the Treasury MacVeagh called at the White House today and formally presented to the president the names of the new tariff commission or foreign tariff board as it is sometimes called. These are James B. Reynolds, formerly assistant secretary of the treasury; Prof. H. C. Emery of Yale, who is chairman of the board, and Alvin H. Sanders of Chicago.

nicago. Secy. MacVeagh and the members of

Secy. MacVeagh and the members of the board discussed with the president the work of the new board.

Before leaving the conference, Mr. Reynolds took up with the president some details of the sugar trust frauds in New York, insofar as the charges against him by Asst, Surveyor Parr were concerned.

Mr. Reynolds explained briefly his connection with the case as he has already outlined in a formal statement.

ready outlined in a given out several days ago.

### CHIPPEWAS INDIANS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR

Washington, Nov. 17.—"Rocky Boy's" band of Chippewa Indians, said to belong in Canada, have been rounded up in Montana, under the superintendent of the Biackfeet Indian reservation, according to Information received at the interior department. There are 122 persons in the band who have been roaming around the country desultorily, living as best they could.

when they were taken in hand, their ponies were sadly in need of subsistence and the bureau of Indian affairs here authorized the expenditure of \$1,000 for the rurpose. The band will be held during the winter at the Blackfeet agency and next spring will be taken to the borders of the reservation.

### JUDGE BYRNE BEING TREATED FOR SMALLPOX

Texarkana. Ark., Nov. 17.—Judge L. A. Byrne of Texarkana, who disappeared Friday, has been located in an isolated spot in the woods, where he is living in a tent with two men who have had the smallpox and who are treating him for the disease. Judge Byrne sent word to the Texas authorities yesterday that he assumed all

## Christmas News JAPANESE HERE Prizes for the

The Descret News offers a cash price of \$50.00 for the best story submitted for the Christmas issue to be printed Saturday. December Honorable Commercial Commis-

The story must not contain more than 8,500 words, or about seven columns, one page of Descret News

A prize of \$25.00 cash is also offered for the best Christmas poem submitted for the Christmas News. The poem to consist of not more than 1,200 words.

All manuscripts must be delivered to the News office not later than December 1st, 1009.

Stories and poems should be signed with an initial or non de plume, and accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the real name and address of the outhor. Those desiring manuscripts returned should enclose the necessary post-

Address all contributions to

### THE DESERET NEWS

Salt Lake City, Utah

Christmas Contest Department.

responsibility for leaving his home, taking to the woods and quarantining himself there. He said that he left Texarkana in order to relieve his family of the embarrassment isolation would cause, resulting from the quar-antine of his home.

### TO AVOID RATE WAR. ST. PAUL ROAD RECEDES

Chicage, Nov. 17.—In order to avert a rate war the management of the St. Paul road has receded somewhat from the position it assumed more than a the position it assumed more than a year ago on oriental traffic, notice having been given of an increase in the proportionate rates on a large number of commodities shipped into this country for the orient.

try for the orient.

Similar changes will be made by the Canadian Pacific, so that all transcontinental lines will be charging the same proportionate rates on imports from China, Japan and the Philippines.

In connection with the change it is understood the other roads tried to induce the St. Paul and the Canadian Pacific to make a corresponding increase in their proportionate rate on export traffic. The increase in proportionate rates will be on imports which do not come into competition with American articles.

### CAPTAIN AMUNDSEN TO MEET DR. COOK

New York, Nov. 17.—Capt. Amundsen, the arctic explorer who arrived here yesterday, will have an interview with Dr. Frederick A. Cook today or tomor-Dr. Frederick A. Cook today or tomorrow, will witness the Yale-Harvard football game at Cambridge on Saturday and then proceed to Chicago to purchase a five years' supply of pemmican. Capt. Amundsen, who will start from Norway next spring on a trip around Capt Horn, through the Pacific and Bering straits to the arctic, will provision his crew of 12 men mostly with pemmican, which is a condensed form of beef and tallow and which has been found excellent food on polar expeditions.

Firms at the Chicago stock yards will be asked to prepare this arctic deli-

### EXPENSIVE POWER BELT.

New York, Nov. 17.—What is declared to be the largest and most expensive leather belt ever made for power drive leather belt ever made for power drive has just been shipped to the south from this city. The belt is 240 feet long, six feet wide, three ply thick, and was constructed at a cost of \$5,500. Into the belt went the hides of 540 Texas steers. The belt was built for the Great Southern Lumber company of Bogalusa, La.

### BASKETBALL TEAM MAY GO TO COLORADO

# THIS MORNING

sion of the Mikado's Realm Spend Two Hours in Visit.

### ENTERTAINED AT TABERNACLE

Special Recital Tendered at Which National Anthem of Japan Is Sung by Horace Ensign.

The honorable commercial commis sion of Japan, 65 in number, gether with six lady members of the party, were the guests of the state and city this morning for a swift but happy two hours. They heard an

organ recital at the tabernacle, listened to their national hymn sung in their own language by an American, were presented with a copy of the Book of Mormon translated into their own tongue, and were motored about to the principal sights of the city. And all this between the hour of 8, when their special train arrived, without deiay or mishap, from Denver, and 10 o'clock, when they left for Ogden

and the west.

When the train pulled into the Denver & Rio Grande depot the members of the commission found awaiting them Governor Spry, Senator Reed Smoot, Mayor Bransford, A. J. Davis, president of the city council; Secretary Caine, of the Commercial club; H. G. Whitney, chairman of the Commercial club council; club carrier in the Commercial club commercial club; H. G. Whitney, chairman of the Commercial club entertainment committee; and Lester D. Freed, chairman of the Commercial club transportation committee. Lined up along the curb were 14 automobiles which had been provided for the purpose of conveying the visitors to the various points which were to be the centers of their entertainment.

TENDERED ORGAN RECITAL

An invitation was extended to them to attend an organ recital at the tab rnacle, graciously accepted by K. Mid zuno, Japanese consul general at New York, in behalf of the party. The inviation was as follows:

"Japanese Commercial Delegation:
"We have pleasure in tendering you a special organ recital in the Salt Lake tabernacie and trust that you will be able to attend.

"JOSEPH F. SMITH,
"JOHN R. WINDER,
"ANTHON H. LUND,
"First Presidency." Japanese Commercial Delegation

The party was immediately escorted to the motor cars. In the first car Mayor Bransford had in his care Baron and Raroness Shibusawa and Miss Takanashi, while following came Gov. Spry with Consul General Midzuno and Madame Midzuno. Senator Reed Smoot escorted Baron and Baroness Kanda in the third car, and the other members the third car, and the other members of the party were scattered variously throughout the other motors. E. D. Hashimoto, leader of the Salt Lake Japanese colony, together with others of his race prominent locally, were on hand to great the commission.

of his race prominent locally, were on hand to greet the commission.

At the entrance to the tabernacle the visitors were warmly greeted by President John R. Winder, Bishop C. W. Nibley, and Elder Heber J. Grant. The great organ pealed a thunderous welcome as the Mikado's subjects filed slowly in and gazed about with wondering eyes. They sat through 40 musical minutes with a keen, quiet enjoyment which reached an enthusiastic climax when Horace Ensign, in splendid voice, sang their national hymn in their own language. They rose to their feet as one and reverently drank in the deep tones of the "Kimi Ga Ya." Beautiful in strains as it is wonderful in thought, the words came to their ears with this English meaning:

with this English meaning:
"Let the Mikado's empire stand till a thousand, yea ten thousand years have rolled, and the sand in the brooklet turns to stone, and the moss on the pebbles emeralds make."

PROGRAM IN JAPANESE. The program of the recital, souvenir copies of which, engraved in Japanese characters and furnished by the bureau of information, was executed by Organist McClellan in his most faultless style. Its translation follows:

Pilgrim's Chorus from Tannhauser

Wagner

Cavatte from Mignon

Thomas

Gavotte from Mignon . 

"That is the neatest compliment that has been paid us since our arrival in this country."

After the recital Mr. Ensign, in he-half of the first presidency, presented to the commission a translation of the Book of Mormon into Japanese. This

### translation was completed but two months ago by Elder Alma O. Taylor. SPIN OVER THE CITY.

The bulance of their Sait Lake time was spent by the commission in viewing the city and Ft. Douglas. The route taken from the tabernacie was along West Temple to Fifth South thence to the City and County building, and back to South Temple, taking in the new Commeracial club and Boston and Newhouse buildings, and other points of interest on the way. Then the cars bowled merrily out to the fort and from there a direct spin was made for the train.

There were numberless incidents dur-

made for the train.

There were numberless incidents during the short two hours. When the party was leaving the train there was some little confusion during which Mayor Bransford was put to rout. As a linguist he proved a distinct failure. Picking out a member of the party to take a seat in his car, he said:

"You sabe him car, him big car, him—" and he pointed to the big automobile.

"If you will please speak English perhaps I will be able to understand you," came the similing reply. But the mayor's breath had been taken away and he lost command of even his own language. The gentleman in question was Tamanasuke Ishibashi, a member of the Japanese parliament who lives at Osaka, and who is incidentally a graduate of one of the large eastern universities of this country.

It was astonishing to find how many of the commission were conversant with the English language, a number of them speaking it with a purity which would put the average American to shame. They were not loquacious, but their questions were made with a very freen insight.

Most of the visitors were very young men, but half a dozen showing signs of even middle age. They were well dressed and but for their very oriental features would have been taken for an aggregation of well-to-do young American business men. When it is taken

aggregation of well-to-do young American business men. When it is taken into consideration that they represent all that is progregative in the business world of Japan it will readily be seen that Turkey is not the only nation where the young man has presented. where the young man has arrived at

is traveling consists of eight cars. Two of these are diners, one is given over to baggage, and the others are Pullman

### ELKS MEMORIAL DAY.

The committees appointed by Exalted for the annual memorial exercises, are hard at work making final arrangements for the same. Elks memorial day comes on Dec. 5, and the exercises will be held in the Salt Lake theater. An interesting program is being prepared for the occasion. There will be several musical numbers aside from the regular work of the order for such occasions.

### TO BOOST PURE FOOD SHOW.

In the Boyd-Park building at o'clock this evening there will be a conjoint meeting of the Retail Grocers' as sociation and the Manufacturers' association and the Manufacturers' association for the purpose of discussing plans to boost for the pure food show to be held at the Augitorium on Richards street from Nov. 22 to Dec. 4 inclusive. Efforts are being made to make the exhibit one of the greatest of the kind ever attempted in the west.

### PINCHOT HAS ISSUED NO ULTIMATUM

Washington, Nov. 17.—"The story that I have issued an ultimatum to the president, is like the recent conspiracy story, merely a silly fabrication. Of course I have done nothing of the kind, nor anything that could be twisted into that meaning. The president was good enough to express his satisfaction with my work and I am going ahead with my work and I am going ahead with it.

Gifford Pinchot, the government's

chief forester, in a statement issued today thus disposed of the reports published this morning that he had sent a letter to the president, threatening to resign if Secy. of the Interior Ballinger remained in the cabinet.

Secy. Ballinger was one of the cabinet callers at the White House today and when he left the executive offices displayed his usual good humor in listening to many questions as to the so-called Ballinger-Pinchot feud.

The secretary said he had merely taken up routine departmental matters with the president.

### AM. TRUST CO. OF PHILADELPHIA CLOSED

Philadelphia, Nov. 17.—The state de-partment of banking today ordered the American Trust company of Philadel-

A. L. Taylor, a state bank examiner, was appointed temporary receiver.
Undigested securities probably caused the institution troubles.
The company is a small concern and the failure had no effect on other institutions.

### PLAN FOR RECLAMATION OF NEVADA LANDS

Reno, Nev., Nov. 17.—Reclamation of 200,000 acres of rich agricultural land, with surface water in sight for the irrigation of 1,000 acres, and untold resources in subterranean streams, is the latest project of a number of prominent Nevada capitalists evidenced by their application to the department of the interior through the means of the Carey act. In conjunction with the application State Engineer F. R. Nicholas has reported favorably on the grant to the department of the interior and as recommendations of this character are usually taken as authoritative by the interior department it is regarded as being only a matter of a few days until the granture is hade.

The land lies in the new county of Clark, in the Amargosa valley extending south from Gold Center to Pahrump, including Ash Meadows, covering some of the most fertile land in the state. The application takes in all the surface water including the Amargosa river, a subterranean stream, and lies between the Las Vagus & Tonopah, and the Tonopah, & Tide water railroads.

The highest point is but 2,500 feet

The highest point is but 2,500 feet above sea level. The parties making the application stand ready to expend \$4,000,000 on the project.

### MURDERED HER CHILD TO KEEP HER LOVER

Washington. Nov. 11.—A remarkable marder was revealed here last night following the confession of Mary Batson Howard, a regress, that she had killed her syear-old daughter because Raymond Carver, the man she loved threatened to leave her unless the child was sent away.

Taking her offspring into Palmer's woods near Seat Pleasant, Md. the woman said, she sheshed her throat with Carver's razor. Then after covering the hody with leaves, she wired the blood from her hands with a newspaper and returned to Washington.

Her description of the crime was particularly grewsome.

## POSTAL COMPANY NOT IN THE MERGER

Prest. Vail Says There is Absolutely Nothing in Story of Deal With Am. Telephone Co.

### SOME TALK OF PROSECUTION

It Is Known Government Has Been Making an Investigation in Accordance With Senate Resolution.

Boston, Nov. 17 .- There is absolutely nothing in the story," was the comment of President Theodore N. Vail of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, when his attention was called to a report from New York that a merger of the Postal Telegraph company with the American Telephone and Telegraph company, must follow the merger of the telegraph company with the Western Union.

Referring to the report that the govimment prosecuting attorneys might investigate the merger of the Western Union with the telephone company, Mr. Vail remarked that his company had nothing to fear from such action.

MAY BE A PROSECUTION.

New York, Nov. 17.—The report that the controlling interest in the Western Union Telegraph company obtained by the American Telephone and Telegraph company would lead to a close community of interests between the companies and the Postal Telegraph company and especially an altimate mercer of the and the Postal Telegraph company and especially an ultimate merger of the three companies was also given make color today when officials of the American Telephone and Telegraph company trankly said that the Postal company was the largest single stockholder in their company.

their company.

President Theodore N. Vait of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. is in Boston today, it is said, conferring with other high officials of the company and with the plans of the new commission in regard to the postal's interest and other matters would be considered. There was a report current today that Special Asst. Attys.-Gen. Ellis and

Harrison had come to this city to investigate the merger of the American company with the Western Union.

It is known that the government has, since May, 1968, been investigating the telegraph and telephone companies, in accordance with a realistic. panies, in accordance with a resolution adopted by the senate.

### TO BUILD AUTOMOBILE SPEEDWAY FOR CHICAGO

Chicago, Nov. 17.-Local capitalists chicago. Nov. 17.—Local capitalists whose names are withheld for the present, are reported to be behind a company to build a \$250,000 motor speedway for Chicago. These men are under the guiding wing of David Beecroft, chairman of the technical committee of the Chicago Motor club. A tentative site on the line of the Northwestern railroad is said to have been chosen.

The large, attendance and great interest shown in races held on motor speedways in Atlanta and Indianapolis, despite the chapter of accidents at the Hoosier, capital, are said to have raised

possibility of such an enterprise here.

## GOVERNMENT BILL

Heisingfors, Finland, Nov. 17.—At an all-night session concluding today, the Finnish diet rejected the government bill providing for Finland's conbill providing for Finland's con-tribution to the Russian military ap-propriation. The resolution was adapt-ed requesting the emperor to reintroduce the measure in a constitutional form. The dissolution of the diet is expected.

MISSOURI PACIFIC BOND ISSUE. New York, Nov. 17.—Announcement was made today that the Missouri Rail-way company would offer to its share-holders at 25 and interest \$29,826,000 of first and refunding mortgage 5 per cent 56-year gold bonds convertible into stock of the Missouri Pacific company at par from Sept. 1, 1912, to Sept. 1,

The entire offering has been under-written by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. The bond issue announced today is to form part of the total issue of 175,-000,000 in bonds which the stockholders are to be asked to give at a special mosting to be held Jan. 18, 1910. The bonds are redeemable at 110 and in-terest on and after Sept. 1, 1917.

### YOUTH CONFESSES TO KILLING AN OLD MAN

Chicago, Nov. 17.—Stephen Plack-well, 18 years of age, a labour who was arrested in St. Louis by a decoy letter and brought here, made a confession today, according to the police, that he and a companion choked and robbed Andrew Pelliginni, 65 years of age, a wealthy stock man of Vanceuver, B. C., who was found dead in his room in a hotel here, Oct. 8.

### DYNAMITE EXPLOSION DESTROYS CHURCH FRONT

Terre Haute, Ind., Nov. 17.—An explosion of dynamite destroyed the front of the new \$50,000 Sacred Heart Roman Catholic church at Clinton, near this

city, early today.

The parish is largely composed of Hungarian and Bohemian miners and there has been a quarrel betweenthe races as to which should have charge

### INVESTIGATING SCHEMES TO DEFRAUD FARMERS

Washington, Nov. 17.—Schemes to defrund the farmers and the would-be farmers meaning the city man who is attracted to the country by spurious advertisements—are receiving the attention of the department of agriculture and it is probable that Secv. Wilson in his forthcoming annual report will sound a note of warning to the over-credulous.

Tracts of almost pure sand left after the cutting of pine trees are being advertised as farming lands of the fluest description, undrained swamps are described as priceiess possessions and all sorts of inducements are held out to attract purchasers of these alleged worthless lands.

# THE CHRISTMAS NEWS

Will be issued on

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